[President.]

as there is a body of opinion in the country representd by the Travancore State Congress that body of opinion should be represented on the floor of this House. The Government took great care to see that both these aspects should be made perfectly clear to the public and to the officers. I wanted to make it clear because if as is quite possible, more than probable, honourable members wish to attack Government for that policy or for that conviction, and want to persuade Government that they are wrong the right and proper target of attack is the Government and not the subordinate officers.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pathanapuram cum Shencotta*): Sir, with your kind permission I wish to speak a few words. You have just now announced the approval of Government of my election as Deputy President of this House. I am deeply sensible of the honour done to me by the House by electing me as its Deputy-President. I am extremely thankful to the honourable members of this House for the honour. Sir, I have had the inestimable advantage of working as Deputy- President for over six years under your inspiration and guidance, and I wish to acknowledge my deep indebtedness to you for the in-valuable assistance I have received at your hands which has been of the utmost value to me in the discharge of my duties in the past. I am sure that this has been fully recognised by the House in the election of myself as its Deputy President for the second time.

Let me take this opportunity to give my assurance to this House that it will be my constant endeavour to uphold the dignity of the office to which I have been elected and to maintain the best traditions of the House and in this endeavour of mine, I trust I shall have the full and willing co-operation of all sections of the House.

Before concluding, let me tell the House that it is not my intention to appropriate to myself the salary I shall be drawing as Deputy-President. I propose to give it away for a public purpose, a public charity. The cause of the poor has always been very dear to my heart and I have therefore, decided to give away my salary to the Vanchi Poor Fund whose work has impressed me very deeply in the past. I thank all the honourable members of the House.

PRESIDENT: I am sure the honourable House will reciprocate the sentiments expressed by the honourable member.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Agricultural farm near Perurkada.

1. * **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open an agricultural farm near Perurkada in Chettivilakam pakuthi, Trivandrum taluk;

(b) what is the kind of farm that is proposed – experimental, demonstration or any other kind;

(c) what are the crops that are proposed to be cultivated there;

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(*d*) the survey number and extent of the land proposed to be acquired ;

(*e*) whether it has been taken possession of and whether possession was taken under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Act ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that a large part of the area proposed to be acquired forms a high precipitous tapering hill ;

(*g*) the height of the hill ;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that water is not available on that hill for cultivation purposes ;

(*i*) the present condition of the agricultural farm at Neeramankara near Karamanai, the cattle farm at Perurkada and the silk farm near Nedumangad, the purposes to which these farms are now put and whether any of these lands cannot be used for the present purpose ;

(*j*) whether it is on the recommendation of the Agricultural department that the site now being acquired has been selected ; and

(*k*) the name of the owner of the site acquired ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is intended for agricultural and anti-erosion research schemes.

(*c*) Fruit trees and food crops.

(*d*) Survey Numbers 1342/9 and 10 A B of Chettivilakom pakuthy—20 acres and 71 cents.

(*e*) The land has been taken possession of after the acquisition proceedings were completed. It was not acquired under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Act.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) About 30 to 40 feet from the adjoining road level to the top portion of the land.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) There is no agricultural farm at Neeramankara near Karamana.

The Cattle Farm at Perurkada is widely recognised as one of the model Dairy Farms of India.

Silk Farm near Nedumangad—Mulberry plants are grown in this farm and the plants are in good condition.

These lands cannot be used for the present purpose.

(*j*) Yes ; this site was acquired in consultation with the Director of Agriculture ; and in view of the fact that the land was being brought to sale for non-payment of long-standing Government dues which remained unpaid from 1107 and was about to be alienated by the owner who had already mortgaged it.

(*k*) Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai.

Election of Mr. Nataraja Pillai as Mayor.

2. * **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a requisition from the City Corporation Council to publish the election of Mr. Nataraja Pillai as Mayor ;

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